

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 were presented for examination. Claims 1 and 3-20 are subject to a restriction requirement in the Office Action dated December 8, 2010 (herein, "OA").

Claims 16-20 are canceled herein.

Response to Election/Restriction

The OA indicates that restriction to one of multiple identified groups of inventions is required. Specifically, the OA identifies the following groups of inventions:

- **Invention I** – claims 1 and 3-15, drawn to a system of access control using data carrier, classified in class 713, subclass 185
- **Invention II** – claims 16-18, drawn to a method of authenticating using authority, classified in class 713, subclass 155
- **Invention III** – Claims 19 and 20, drawn to a method of purchasing a product by requiring a supplemental attachment, classified in class 705, subclass 55.

According to the OA, the above-identified inventions are independent or distinct because they each have mutually exclusive characteristics and election of an invention is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

Election, without traverse, of Invention I, including claims 1 and 3-15, is made herein. Accordingly, claims 16-20 are canceled herein and claims 1 and 3-15 remain pending in this application.

CONCLUSION

Allowance of all claims is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number indicated below if the Examiner believes that direct contact will advance the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,
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